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ON WEST FRONT

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To-day in Somme or  
Verdun Regions

FRENCH MADE RAID  
IN CHAMPAGNE

British Have Again Secured  
Complete Control of  
Mametz Wood

Paris, July 13.—There was no infantry fighting of importance last night on the Verdun front or over the portion of the Somme front held by the French, today's official report says. Intermittent artillery engagements occurred in the Somme section.

In the vicinity of Souville, Chenois and Lauffe, before Verdun, heavy bombardment was maintained by the Germans. In the Champagne region the French penetrated a salient of the German front and took prisoners. Two German raids in Argonne were stopped by French fire.

London, July 13.—Fighting continues at various points along the battle front in the region of the river Somme in France, but there is no change in the situation on any part of the British line, says an official statement this afternoon. Attempts of the Germans to raid the trenches west of Wycharz and south of the Labasse canal were frustrated.

RUSSIAN COME-BACK  
PROVES WONDER  
OF THE WORLD

Six Great Armies are Fighting on the  
Western Front and Using a Tremendous Supply of Ammunition.

London, July 13.—The recovery of the Russian armies since their defeats last year and the apparently inexhaustible supply of guns and ammunition with which they are provided, continues to be the source of wonder to military writers. At least six great armies are engaged against the Austrians and Germans on the Russian western front and all are using great quantities of ammunition.

The forces under Grand Duke Nicholas in Armenia and Persia have been fighting vigorously against the Turks for months. A few weeks ago parts of these forces, particularly west of Erzerum, were compelled to fall back in the face of a stronger Turkish army. Early this week the grand duke resumed the offensive in this region and re-captured Mamakha Tum, 50 miles from Erzerum.

Meanwhile the armies directly south of the Pinsk marshes are fighting a pitched battle with Austro-German forces under General Von Linsingen along the Stokhod river. It probably will be some days before a decision is reached as the Teutons have brought up strong reinforcements in the hope of saving Kovel. North of the Pinsk marshes the fighting at present is largely with artillery.

In the west renewed efforts of the German crown prince at Verdun are temporarily taking precedence over the battle of the Somme, but the British are still engaged in clearing the Germans from fortified positions which must be taken before a general offensive can be renewed.

Fighting desperately in the face of determined German attacks, the forces under General Haig succeeded Wednesday in gaining control of the entire Mametz wood which had been entered the previous night by the Germans. In the same region north of the Somme, the British made some progress in the Trones wood and repulsed two heavy attacks against Contalmaison. The Germans are reported to have lost heavily in their attacks on Trones wood.

AS STRONG AS EVER  
But Anglo-French Offensive is Met By Reinforcements.

London, July 13.—The Anglo-French offensive is maintaining itself as vigorously as ever against the most determined attacks, which the Germans now are delivering against the front in Northern France. The Germans have thrown reinforcements to the breach, having had ample time to recover from the first shock and the unexpected strength of the British and French attacks.

There is no doubt the Germans had supposed the French to be enfeebled greatly south of the Somme because of the number of troops needed in the defense of the Verdun against the forces of the German crown prince.

The fact that the allies are progressing so methodically, and even against German attacks, gives the people of the British and French nations the greatest satisfaction.

General Haig, in a brief bulletin last night, recounts the recovery by the British of all ground lost Tuesday in the Mametz wood. The British commander tells also of the repulse of two heavy German attacks against Contalmaison, and of steady progress by his forces in the Trones wood, the scene of much heavy and desperate fighting during the past few days.

Incidentally, General Haig comments on the heavy casualties sustained by the Germans in their attack against the British forces north of the Somme.

From General Haig's bulletins it is seen that the British are driving steadily toward the crest of the ridge commanding the wide Bapaume plateau.

According to the view of French mili-

tary experts there are no less than 600,000 German bayonets opposing the advance of General Haig's forces.

The British correspondent at the British front reports that two German field guns bearing the date of "1874" have been captured by the British. The correspondent asks whether, without attaching undue importance to the incident, these guns do not indicate the straits to which Germans are beginning to be reduced in order to find sufficient armament.

The British official statement given out last night reads:

"The day was marked by sharp local fighting in certain areas in Mametz wood. We recaptured all the ground lost last night and now hold the whole wood. We also made progress in Trones wood. The very large number of German dead in this vicinity shows the costliness of their attacks last night."

"Two heavy German attacks against Contalmaison completely broke down under our fire."

CONVINCED  
DEUTSCHLAND  
MERCHANTSHIP

But United States Government Officials  
Will Seek Advice of Neutrality  
Board Before a Ruling  
is Made.

Washington, D. C., July 13.—Although state department officials virtually are convinced that the German submarine Deutschland is strictly a merchant vessel, the advice of the neutrality board probably will be sought before a final ruling is made.

Acting Secretary Polk indicated that the ruling would not be delayed long. It is understood he considers that there is nothing lacking to establish the Deutschland's status as a peaceful merchantman and desires to consult the neutrality board only in order to give added weight to the department's formal decision.

Diplomats of the allied countries received information during the day indicating that the Deutschland was conveyed from Bremen almost to the Chesapeake capes by a neutral merchantman, presumably Norwegian, Swedish or Dutch, which aided in shielding her from detection by enemy warships and also acted as a tender. This information may be communicated later to the state department and an investigation requested. Allied warships are said now to be searching for the convey ship.

The state department already has begun consideration of questions involving the departure of the Deutschland. To prevent violation of neutrality by forwarding of military information from movements, officials are considering whether the government should prevent dissemination of news of her sailing. The state department yesterday formally denied published reports that it would not be concerned if the Deutschland should be attacked and sunk in violation of international law by hostile warships after leaving the United States. It was stated that the government is interested in all matters.

HURRIED UNLOADING.  
Deutschland Is Being Prepared for Return Trip to Germany.

Baltimore, Md., July 13.—That plans were afoot rapidly to reload the super-submersible Deutschland and slip her out speedily on her return voyage to Germany was indicated last night. A special permit was obtained for continuing the unloading of the vessel.

No one in authority would say when the vessel would depart and the only positive statement in that connection was obtained in Captain Koenig's declaration to the local customs officers that he expected to sail "within 10 days." The tug Thomas F. Timmons completed repairs yesterday and took up a position in front of the Deutschland. When the Timmons entered dry dock it was reported that she was getting ready to return to Virginia capes to convey into the Chesapeake, as she did the Deutschland, the submarine Bremen, which is said to be four days on her way to this country.

Two cars of 15,000 gallons each of lubricating and fuel oil were ordered for the Deutschland last Monday. When they had not arrived yesterday a "hurry up" tracer was sent out by the railroad company at the instance of the submarine's agents.

TO WATCH SOLDIERS.  
Dr. Thomas Darlington Will Go to Texas to Aid Medical Work.

New York, July 13.—Dr. Thomas Darlington, former public health commissioner of New York, will leave today for the Mexican border to study the health of the regular and National Guard soldiers on duty there. Dr. Darlington, who has credentials from Secretary of War Baker, is consulting sanitarian of the soldiers' welfare department of the National Civil Federation.

The object of the committee, as announced by the executive council of the federation, is to acquaint the public with the progress made since 1898 in the care of soldiers. Reports will be made to the war department.

Five-eighths of the 128,000 National Guardsmen called by the president from the department of the East, comprising 22 states east of the Mississippi and the District of Columbia, were under arms yesterday, according to a report sent from department headquarters. Governors' island, to the smallest quota of any of the states in the department, while Rhode Island enjoys the unique distinction of being the only state to respond with its various units up to full war strength. The tiny New England state furnished 663 men for its squadron of cavalry, a battery of artillery and an ambulance company.

New York leads in the number of troops mustered in with 17,451. Pennsylvania is second with 12,658. Delaware has the smallest quota of any of the states in the department, while Rhode Island enjoys the unique distinction of being the only state to respond with its various units up to full war strength. The tiny New England state furnished 663 men for its squadron of cavalry, a battery of artillery and an ambulance company.

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BURIED UNDER  
MUCH DEBRIS

More Than a Score of Casualties in Brooklyn Building Collapse

AMMONIA TANK  
WAS BLOWN UP

A Three-Story Building, in  
Which Butcher Shop Was  
Located, Fell

New York, July 13.—Seven persons are reported killed and a number were injured when an ammonia tank in a Brooklyn butcher shop exploded today. The entire three-story building, in which the shop was located, collapsed, burying the occupants.

The work of digging the bodies out of the ruins proceeded slowly, and an hour after the explosion it was estimated that between 20 and 30 persons had been taken to hospitals, some of them being fatally injured.

MANY KILLED,  
OTHERS MISSING  
AT BUFFALO

Building Collapsed at Outset of Thunder  
Storm and Fell on Many Who Had  
Sought Refuge from Rain.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 13.—Three men were killed, six were seriously injured and several are reported to be missing as the result of the collapse today of a building at the plant of the Sement-Solvay company on the Niagara river road. The building went down just as a thunder storm broke, and some of the men said that lightning struck the tall chimney, causing it to collapse. The men killed had taken refuge from the storm and were buried under bricks and debris.

SEVEN CASUALTIES  
IN POWDER PLANT

DuPont Building at Prompton Lakes, N. J.,  
Blown Up and Whole Country  
Surrounding Was Shaken.

Prompton Lakes, N. J., July 13.—Four were killed and three were injured today when the powder house at the plant of the DuPont powder works near here blew up, shaking the surrounding country.

DEMAND MEN  
BE TAKEN BACK

Portland, Me., Street Car Men Struck on  
Half Hour's Notice—Service Is  
Now Nearly Tied Up.

Portland, Me., July 13.—The street car service of Portland and suburbs remained practically at a standstill today as the result of the strike yesterday by 350 linemen, motormen and conductors of the Cumberland County Power & Light Co. for the reinstatement of several discharged employees. The cars on the Lewiston line, operated by another company, continued to run; but only a few of the Cumberland company's cars were taken from the barns, and they were closely guarded.

In explaining the action of the strikers, who gave the company only 30 minutes to comply with an ultimatum, Charles Roux, chairman of the strike committee, said the time was brief, the company being tendered the same treatment as the discharged workmen received. The men, he said, were summarily discharged and no reason was given. In addition to the reinstatement of these men, the strikers asked for recognition of the union.

But twice since the trolley car service was instituted in Portland in 1891 have the car lines of the company been brought to a full stop. The first instance was for five minutes at the time of the funeral of President McKinley, and the second a few months ago when a similar tribute was paid the late president of the road, Charles F. Libby.

The strike came with such suddenness that it found the railroad company quite unprepared. For some weeks a representative from Boston has been working among the Portland car men, seeking to induce them to organize and become part of the national brotherhood. The organization work has been going along quietly and it was not until this week that the officials of the company got wind of it.

Someone of the carmen acted as a tale-bearer and the outcome was that several of the men who had been active in the interests of the union were dismissed from the service of the company.

BAD FAITH FEARED.  
Redmond Issued Statement Attacking  
Landowne Plan.

London, July 13.—John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, yesterday issued a statement characterizing the speech of the marquis of Lansdowne in the House of Lords on Tuesday as a declaration of war on the Irish people.

He says also that the speech was a breach of faith, apparently made with the intention of wrecking the negotiations for a compromise.

"I regard Lord Lansdowne's speech as a gross insult to Ireland," said Mr. Redmond in his statement.

"It amounts to a declaration of war on the Irish people and is an announcement of a policy of coercion."

"If this speech be taken as representing the attitude and spirit of the government toward Ireland, there is an end to all hopes of a settlement. The speech seems to me to have been made with the deliberate object of wrecking the negotiations for a settlement."

NEGOTIATIONS  
PROGRESSING  
SATISFACTORILY

For Settlement of Border Dispute with  
Mexico, According to Statement  
of Acting Secretary Polk.

Washington, D. C., July 13.—Informal negotiations for settlement of border disputes between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico are progressing favorably, Acting Secretary Polk said yesterday after his second conference with Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate.

Although Mr. Polk would not add to this statement, it is understood that it is now assured the steps being taken for shadow appointment of commissioners by each government to form a plan of action for the permanent relief of border conditions.

Mr. Arredondo has not disclosed what his instructions are, but from other sources it has been learned that the commission plan was favored by General Carranza and his advisers and would not be opposed at the state department. A formal announcement is expected soon.

Whether the question submitted to the commission will follow the definition of the matters in dispute laid down in General Carranza's latest note is not known, although Secretary Lansing's reply apparently accepted that definition. The Mexican note said the reasonable anxiety of the United States on the other hand over the security of its borders, and the feeling of the de facto government on the other hand that the continued presence of American troops in Mexico menaced friendly relations, constituted the problem to which a solution must be found.

There are no present indications that a commission would go into questions dependent upon these main issues, but not directly involved in a settlement. It is believed probable, however, that the whole subject of internal conditions in Mexico, including the financial stress there, will be reviewed to some extent with the possible result of some more far-reaching plan being proposed than one embracing border conditions only.

HUNDREDS OF  
SHARK HUNTERS  
PATROL COAST

Seeking to Discover and Slay the Creatures Which Have Caused Terror  
Along the Coast of New Jersey.

Matawan, N. J., July 13.—Hundreds of armed men in rowboats and launches are hunting today for the man-eating shark that yesterday killed a boy and a man and dangerously injured another boy and caused a reign of terror among the summer resorts all along the New Jersey coast. It was reported this morning that another man was attacked and killed by a shark at Keyport, at the mouth of the Atlantic creek.

The body of Lester Stillwell, the 12-year-old boy who was killed here, has not been recovered, and it is believed that it was devoured by the shark.

Stillwell was killed by a man-eating shark while bathing in an arm of Baritan bay near here yesterday afternoon. Stanley Fisher, 24 years old, who went to his aid, was so badly injured in a desperate struggle with the nine-foot monster that he died while being taken to a Long Branch hospital. Joseph Dunn, 12 years old, bathing some distance away in the same inlet, was attacked by a shark and one of his legs was so lacerated it will probably have to be amputated. This is the third time within two weeks that sharks have claimed the lives of bathers along the Jersey coast.

The summer population along the New Jersey Coast has become terror-stricken and few persons now are venturing in the water at beach resorts.

Efforts were made last night to bar the egress of the sharks to sea by stretching a wire netting across the inlet where it empties into the bay and it is probable that dynamite will be used to bring them to the surface.

THREE OPPOSING VOTES.  
Were Cast Against Federal Employees' Workmen's Compensation.

Washington, D. C., July 13.—The McGillicuddy-Kern bill providing a system of workmen's compensation for federal employees passed by the House yesterday by a vote of 186 to 3.

An amendment adopted would reduce from \$5,000 to \$4,000 salaries of the three commissioners administering the system. Former Speaker Cannon opposed the bill on the ground that it should provide for contribution by employers. Representatives Dies and Page, Democrats, also voted against it. Minority Leader Mann made a speech urging its passage.

The measure provides for compensation of all injured federal employees at the rate of two-thirds the wages lost during disability with a maximum of \$86 a month. In case of death the dependent widow would be allowed 35 percent of the employee's wages and 10 percent additional for each dependent child under 18, with a limit of two-thirds the employee's wage. An appropriation of \$500,000 is made for the system. The bill is pending in the Senate.

TOOK 400 RUSSIANS.  
Germans Claim Success in an Encircling Counter Attack.

Berlin, via London, July 13.—German troops, by encircling a counter attack, have driven back the Russian forces which had pushed forward in the region northwest of Buczaco in Galicia and have taken 400 Russian prisoners, today's official statement says.

HAILSTONES FIVE INCHES  
IN CIRCUMFERENCE

Waitsfield, July 13.—A heavy thunder and hail storm passed over the south part of this town Wednesday afternoon. At P. B. Joslyn's, hailstones measuring five inches in circumference fell. Many panes of glass were broken in the neighborhood and all gardens and field crops were laid flat. The storm did not reach this village at all.

BABBITT IS  
AGAIN HEAD

Bellows Falls Man Re-elected  
President of Greater  
Vermont Association

MEMBERS GET DOWN  
TO CONFERENCES

Banquet Last Evening Was  
Attended by Nearly  
700

The Greater Vermont association, resuming its sessions at 9 o'clock this morning in the memorial room of the city hall, re-elected as president, Frederick H. Babbitt of Bellows Falls, increased the number of the board of directors from five to seven members and listened to outlines of what the association plans to accomplish the coming year. The speakers this forenoon included the president, Vice-President Theodore N. Vail, James Hartness of Springfield, a director and chairman of the state board of education, and Lucius E. Wilson of Dorset.

Accepting the report of the nominating committee the association elected the following officers: President, Frederick H. Babbitt of Bellows Falls; vice-presidents, T. N. Vail of Lyndonville, Clarke C. Pitts of Brattleboro, George E. Chalmers of Rutland; treasurer, C. H. Forbush of Springfield; board of directors, James Hartness of Springfield, A. J. Holden of Bennington, Senator Max L. Powell of Burlington, J. Gregory Smith of St. Albans, C. E. Peck of St. Johnsbury, A. G. Eaton of Montpelier and Major C. Hoadley of Brattleboro.

The membership of the association at present is approximately 600 and it is the desire of the officers that the number be increased to at least 2,000. President Babbitt said that it had been the aim of the association the past year to increase the membership, which would bring increased interest and co-operation, rather than increase the financial strength.

Vice-President Vail followed the president and briefly outlined what the association plans to do, admired the high aims and urged the members to do all the small things possible to help in the general development of the state and suggested that money must be expended in doing the work outlined.

Mr. Wilson led in the discussion on what work may be accomplished by boards of trade, civic, commercial and agricultural associations. He explained why a board of trade or other organization rouses a community to thought and action about community interests and how a system of committees can be organized and be efficient.

He took up the matters of obtaining members for such organizations, what type of man should be secured to take charge and how social occasions, dinners, meetings and outings assist in holding the interest. Local newspapers, he said, can do much toward local development and said they should always work in harmony with the boards of trade. He urged co-operation with farm bureaus and county agricultural associations and the benefits to retail trade.

BIG BANQUET HELD.  
Attended by 684 Persons, Who Heard  
Splendid Addresses.

Those persons fortunate enough to have attended the annual banquet last evening in the city hall auditorium at Montpelier of the Greater Vermont association, and there were over 1,000, including the ladies, who filled the balcony, were unanimous in stamping the affair as a success, one of the greatest successes of its kind ever enjoyed in the state, and many were firm in the belief it indicated that Vermont has started on a new era of prosperity.

Leaving armory hall, where they had listened to speeches made by a quartet of men of national repute, members of the association at 6 o'clock simply stepped into the adjoining building and prepared to enjoy the dinner prepared. Plates were laid for 684 persons and this number would have been larger by over 100 had not the caterer been unable to meet the demands; for that reason many Montpelier persons with tickets relinquished them to enable their guests to attend. The balcony was opened to ladies and was well filled two hours before the post prandial exercises commenced at 10 o'clock.

Colonel George Harvey, editor of the North American Review, was introduced by President F. K. Babbitt and the other speakers in the order named follow: Governor Gates, Governor Samuel W. McCall of Massachusetts; Theodore N. Vail, President James A. Huestis of the Boston & Maine and Wendell P. Stafford, judge of the supreme court of the District of Columbia. Governor Rolland H. Spaulding was unable to be present and a message of congratulation was read from him as governor of New Hampshire on the occasion of the observance of the 125th anniversary of Vermont entering the union. Edward A. Filene of the Boston Chamber of Commerce also wired his regrets.

Among the guests seated at the table at the head of the hall were Admiral George Clark, Senator Carroll S. Page, Admiral Robert E. Peary, Ex-Governor Allan M. Fletcher, Gov. C. W. Gates, Ex-Governor E. C. Smith, Hon. John Barrett, and presidents and members of Vermont associations in other states.

## Colonel Harvey's Stirring Talk.

Colonel Harvey spoke in part as follows: "Many were the times, even in the early days, when the fidelity of the people wavered in some of the colonies before inherited craving of the people of rulers, but never for an instant was there such wavering in Vermont. Here she stood unrecognized, even unnamed, in the midst of the great world."

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BOYS ARE HOPING TO  
CROSS RIO GRANDE

They Had Experience with Cloudburst That Was a Real "Water Cure"—Many Tents Were Flooded and El Paso Streets Were Foot Deep in Water.

Camp General Shafter, Eagle Pass, Tex., July 8.

At 5:15 this morning we witnessed one of the worst experiences of this encampment in the form of a great cloudburst. At the above-named time the rain came down and at 5:20 there was six inches of water on the campgrounds. Fields adjoining the encampment were flooded to the extent of anywhere from ten inches to a foot. Small rivulets were immediately transformed into raging torrents. Vermont, Kansas, Maryland and the regulars were flooded from their quarters. Many regiments suffered a severe loss in the form of equipment. Many Co. H boys were flooded from their tents, especially those in the sergeant's tent. At 6:30 the torrent abated and many of the boys of the Vermont regiment went out in search of two children who were reported lost in the desert during the storm. At time of writing the search had proved futile.

The railway running through the reservation was washed out in places, making service impossible. Streets in Eagle Pass were flooded to the extent of one foot and many stores were flooded six inches in depth. Services in these stores will be suspended for an indefinite period owing to the fact that the soil is a mixture of sand and clay that makes it impossible for human beings or animals to proceed through same.

At present writing all are in good spirits and all are hoping in the near future to have the opportunity to cross the Rio Grande.

This is all for the present but hope to advance more later.

I remain, Sincerely yours, A. G. Edwards.

## ENFORCING QUARANTINE.

Barre Health Authorities are Anxious to  
Keep Out Paralysis.

Precautions recommended by the state board of health in guarding against a recurrence of the infantile paralysis epidemic in Vermont have been followed by the Barre health authorities and up to date no cases of the malady have been reported to Health Officer Dr. J. W. Stewart. Here in the city several families have arrived from the infected area in New York and wherever reports have been made, the health officer has insisted on a quarantine of two weeks. This rule applies to children who have been in great New York since June 20. An added precaution is the irrigation of each child's nose with salt water, a sanitary measure endorsed by the New York board of health and followed locally in cases where children have arrived recently from the metropolis.

Most of the arrivals from New York have been reported in the past fortnight, although a very small number of children who were in the city before July 1 left New York after June 20. Copies of the regulations and restrictions laid down by the state board of health have been posted in the lobby at the federal building, in the hotels, railroad stations and elsewhere. It is stated that parents and guardians of children here temporarily have, for the most part, shown a commendable disposition to co-operate with the authorities in enforcing the restrictions outlined by the state board. In 1915 five cases of poliomyelitis were reported in Barre during the summer and later in the year, in the fall, a sixth case was diagnosed. Although they realize that Barre is no more immune from the diseases than any other Vermont community, the health authorities are not apprehensive of an epidemic.

FEWER NEW CASES.  
But Increase in Infantile Paralysis Deaths in New York.

New York, July 13.—A slight decrease in the number of new cases and a marked increase in the number of deaths during the past 24 hours was shown in the daily bulletin on infantile paralysis today. Twenty-four deaths and 117 new cases is the record.

## REMEMBERED HIS ROLL.

And Paid for Liberty After Suing Another Man for \$5,000.

Rutland, July 13.—As the outcome of an alleged assault which took place while the circus was at White River Junction H. W. Black, chief detective for the Barre & Bailey outfit, was arrested in this city after the performance Tuesday night by Deputy Sheriff H. R. Adams on a civil writ issued on complaint of Irving Smith, a colored employee of the show. Smith seeks to recover \$5,000 from the detective claiming that he lost the sight of one eye by reason of cuts from broken glass when Black struck him with brass knuckles.

Smith engaged attorneys Thomas H. Brown and Ernest H. O'Brien of this city and had consulted Dr. G. G. Marshall an eye specialist. He was about to leave town and was arrested as an absconding debtor. He claimed that he had no money, but after seven hours in jail remembered a roll in his stocking and yesterday morning bought his liberty on payment of \$50.

## PROSTRATED IN BOSTON.

Barre Young Woman, Miss Elsie Signorelli, Victim of Heat Wave.

To-day's Boston paper announces that "Miss Ethel Signorelli," aged 23, of Barre was one of the heat victims in Boston yesterday, becoming prostrated at the Northampton street station of the Boston Elevated Railway company and being carried to the City Hospital. The heat caused three deaths and 20 prostrations in Boston during the day.

The name given in the Boston papers should, undoubtedly, be Signorelli, the young lady being a sister of James Signorelli, a clerk in the Red Cross pharmacy. Mr. and Mrs. Signorelli and child and Miss Signorelli went to Boston a short time ago for a visit.

FELL OFF LOG  
AND DROWNED

Archie Leclair, Barre Tool  
Sharpener, Lost Life in  
Winooski River

PULMOTOR FAILED  
TO BE EFFECTIVE

The Young Man Stopped to  
Bathe and Return from a  
Visit to Last Montpelier

Out of the stonished at 10 a. m. on account of the sweltering heat yesterday, Archie Leclair, a tool sharpener, Edgar R. White and Arthur L. Gardes, employees of the Central Granite Co. on Smith street, drove to East Montpelier to inspect a building recently erected by Joseph Martel. Returning home, they stopped near the Tenney Co.'s station No. 5 for a plunge in the Winooski river branch and Leclair was drowned in ten feet of water. His body was recovered a short time afterward, but more than an hour elapsed before the remains were brought to B. W. Hooker & Co.'s undertaking establishment in this city.

The delay was occasioned by the necessity of summoning the health officer and a selectman from Berlin to view the body, and pending the arrival of the authorities, State's Attorney F. E. Gleason visited the scene of the drowning and investigated the circumstances surrounding the man's death. Health Officer A. G. Norton and S. C. Pike, the second selectman, after viewing the remains, joined with the state's attorney in describing Leclair's demise as an accident. Desperate efforts to resuscitate the man had been made by Dr. M. D. Carey and employees of the Tenney company, who used the pulmotor for nearly an hour.

Companions of Leclair state that the drowning occurred around 3:30 o'clock. Agreeable to a promise made to Mr. Martel some time ago that they would inspect his new building in East Montpelier at an early date, the three co-workers set out in a team in the afternoon. Arriving at East Montpelier, they went over the grounds with Mr. Martel, spent some time in discussing his business prospects in that locality, and then partook of a hearty dinner, leaving Martel's premises a little after 2 o'clock for the return home. As they neared station No. 5, it was Leclair, according to White and Gardes, who suggested that they take the horses and swim. Selecting a likely looking spot near the power plant, they stripped and were soon at the water's edge. Messrs. White and Gardes state that Leclair waded into the stream and got a straddle of a log. Scarcely a moment afterward he rolled into the water and disappeared.

Neither of the two men who were ashore is a strong swimmer, and when Leclair fell from the log they tried unsuccessfully to reach his body. George Cutler, an East Montpelier man, was crossing the bridge near the swimming hole, and it was he who discovered the body in about ten feet of water. Procuring a strong wire, he managed to fasten it about the body and pull it ashore. By that time the Tenney company's office in Montpelier had been notified by telephone, and Dr. Carey, Clarence Lull and Mr. Cookson were soon hurrying to station No. 5 in an auto. They brought the pulmotor along, and the apparatus was applied to Leclair as he lay on the ground near the water. For the first part of an hour, the men worked the pulmotor, but the signs of life appeared. State's Attorney Gleason, arriving at the station, questioned witnesses concerning the accident, and then said that the body could be removed as soon as the authorities were notified.

Some difficulty was encountered in locating Health Officer Norton and a member of the board of selectmen. The body was brought to Barre soon after 6 o'clock. A. J. Little of Beckley hill was notified of the drowning, and he, in turn, carried the sad news to Leclair's mother, Mrs. Alexander Leclair, who lives in that neighborhood.

The deceased observed his 20th birthday Tuesday. Besides his mother, who is nearly prostrated by the tragedy, he leaves three brothers. He had been an employee of the Central Granite Co. for some time and was held in high esteem by workers at the company's plant. His father died in 1913.

It is expected that the funeral will be held in St. Monica's church Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. The parish priest, Rev. P. M. McKenna, will officiate, and interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street.

## JOHNSON—AVERILL.

Former Teacher at Goddard the Bride of  
Barre Bank Cashier.

The marriage of Miss Alice Nora Averill, daughter of Mrs. Stella C. Averill of 8 North street, and William Curtis Johnson, jr., also of Barre, took place yesterday afternoon at the home of the groom's father, Rev. W. C. Johnson, in Windsor, whether the wedding party had motored earlier in the day. Only the immediate relatives were in attendance and the couple were unattended. Rev. Mr. Johnson was the officiating clergyman.